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1. At a session of the SED Central Committee held during the third week in April 1955, Fritz Selbmann, Minister for Heavy Industry, was the subject of sharp criticism ~~of~~ other unidentified Central Committee functionaries.
2. Selbmann was accused of having failed to implement a series of recent Politburo directives concerning the field of heavy industry. As a result, it was stated, there existed great confusion in the allocation of strategic materials, and the resultant chaotic situation caused many of the nationalized enterprises in the heavy industry sector to incur large deficits.
3. Particular concern was expressed because Selbmann's failure in the most basic segment of the economy had disrupted the export plan. As a result it is anticipated that current export agreements will probably not be met.

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